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In re Application of:

Chen et al.

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**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this Amendment.

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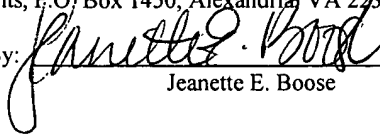
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